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cases existed at that time. I send a copy of a telegram which I sent to Souchon this morning. It is in answer to a telegram which he sent to President Murphy yesterday requesting information regarding the *Coleridge* and other vessels arriving from Rio de Janeiro.

Respectfully,

A. H. DOTY,  
*Health Officer Port of New York.*

[Telegram.]

QUARANTINE, L. I., *May 23, 1900.*

President Murphy, New York board of health, communicates contents of your telegram—answer sent. You are probably not aware that coffee vessels load in open bay and not at dock in Rio de Janeiro, about 1 mile from land. Cargo transferred on open lighters, certified to by Dr. Havelburg of Marine-Hospital Service, who also certifies that cases of plague, which are few in number, came from Oporto and are in hospital under close observation and there is not the slightest evidence that the disease has affected commerce or rats. Havelburg also certifies that when *Coleridge* left Rio de Janeiro there were no cases of plague at that port. I believe this also applies to the *Corsica*. I believe that you will appreciate that the careful loading of vessels in open bay practically eliminates the danger from rat infection. Under these circumstances all vessels arriving from Rio de Janeiro at this port will be released after the disinfection which I have already explained to you.

A. H. DOTY,  
*Health Officer Port of New York.*

EDMOND SOUCHON, M. D.,  
*President Louisiana State Board of Health, New Orleans, La.*

*Extract of bill of health, steamship Hevelius.*

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, *May 2, 1900.*

Diseases.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Yellow fever .....	32	29	No sickness about this port. There were imported here some cases of plague from Oporto; no further spread, and the State health authorities considered unnecessary quarantine.
Smallpox .....	4	9	
Plague .....			

This vessel loaded in the open bay.

W. HAVELBURG, M. D.,  
*Deputy Consul-General.*

*Extract of bill of health, steamship Coleridge.*

RIO DE JANEIRO, *April 17, 1900.*

Diseases.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Yellow fever .....	73	39	No sickness aboard in this port. Fireman was sent to the hospital—suspected diphtheria.
Smallpox .....		26	

This vessel loaded in the open bay.

W. HAVELBURG, M. D.,  
*Deputy Consul-General.*